

ABSTRACT

A lid assembly for a rotatable atomizer wheel with an atomizing chamber therein for the receipt of a slurry through the lid assembly. The lid assembly includes a lid member with a first opening there through adapted to fit onto the rotatable atomizer wheel over the atomizing chamber.

- 5 The lid assembly further includes a wear ring fitted inside and extending through the first opening through the lid member for protecting the exposed surface of the first opening through the lid member from wear caused by slurry flowing through the lid into the atomizing chamber.